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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JACKSON COMMITTEE STATEMENT
REFERRED TO IN PARA 1.A. REFTEL.

QUOTE: FYI: COMPLETE PRESS RELEASE FROM U.S. SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES TITLED "STATEMENT
BY SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON."

IN A FRONT-PAGE STORY TODAY (DECEMBER 19) THE WASHINGTON
POST HAS PRINTED A MISLEADING AND DISTORTED ACCOUNT OF A
STUDY PREPARED FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
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RESOURCES ON THE U.S. RELATIONSHIPS WITH IRAN AND SAUDI
ARABIA.

NOWHERE DOES THE STUDY SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONDONE
AN IRANIAN INVASION OF SAUDI ARABIA, AS THE POST REPORTS.
THE STUDY IS NOT PRO-IRAN AND ANTI-SAUDI ARABIA, AS THE
POST REPORTS. IT IS SIMPLY A THOUGHTFUL AND CAREFUL

EFFORT TO EVALUATE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE TWO NATIONS

IN TERMS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ACCESS TO OIL.

BECAUSE THE POST STORY FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT THE STUDY WAS CHANGED TO REFLECT BIAS TOWARD IRAN, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEITHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE NOR ITS STAFF HAVE MADE ANY EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS OR CHANGES IN THE STUDY AT ANY TIME. THE AUTHORS OF THE STUDY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE AS TO THEIR CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED AN INDEPENDENT AND PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. UNQUOTE.

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